

January 1, 2009 Formal Education Requirements

As of January 1, 2009, all applicants must, **as a minimum**, have successfully completed either a one (1) year college or university certificate or diploma program in occupational health, safety or environment **OR** a two (2) year college or university non-occupational health, safety or environment (ohs&e) certificate or diploma program.

Candidates already having a college diploma or university degree (in any discipline) are not affected by this change.

To date, the following institutions have made submissions to the Board and received approval for their ohs&e certificate programs (as a minimum, one-year certificate programs are expected to contain at least eight (8) credit courses totaling a minimum of 250 instructional hours).

One Year OHS&E Certificate or Diploma (These programs are awarded fifty (50) points by the Qualifications Review Committee in Factor 1-Formal Education of the application assessment process.)

- Algonquin College, *Occupational Safety and Health Certificate* (ON)
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (BC)
- College of the North Atlantic, *Certificate Program in Fundamentals of Occupational Health and Safety* (NL)
- Conestoga College, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (ON)
- Dalhousie University, *Certificate Program in Occupational Health & Safety Management* (NS)
- Fanshawe College, *Occupational Health & Safety Certificate* (ON)
- Mohawk College, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (ON)
- Nova Scotia Community College, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (NS)
- Red River College, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (MB)
- Ryerson University, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (ON)
- Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, *Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner Applied Certificate* (SK)
- University of Alberta, *Occupational Health and Safety Certificate* (AB)
- University of Calgary, *Certificate in Health, Safety, Environment* (AB)
- University of Fredericton, *Certificate in Health, Safety and Environmental Processes* (must complete both Foundations and Advanced Levels) (NB)
- University of New Brunswick, *Certificate in Health, Safety and Environmental Processes-Level I* (NB)
- University of Victoria, *Environment and Occupational Health Certificate* (BC)
- University of Western Ontario, *Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Management* (ON)

Programs exceeding the one-year ohs&e requirement include the following:

Two Year OHS&E Certificate or Diploma ((These programs are awarded sixty-five (65) points by the Qualifications Review Committee in Factor 1-Formal Education of the application assessment process.)

- Algonquin College, *Occupational Health and Safety Technician* (ON)
- British Columbia Institute of Technology, *Occupational Health and Safety Diploma* (BC)
- Keyin College-Carbonear, *Occupational Health and Safety Diploma* (NL)
- Keyin College-Grand Falls/Windsor, *Occupational Health and Safety Diploma* (NL)
- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, *Occupational Health and Safety Diploma* (AB)
- University of New Brunswick, *Certificate in Health, Safety and Environmental Processes-Level II* (NB)
- University of Victoria, *Certificate Program in Environmental and Occupational Health* (BC)

Three Year OHS&E Certificate, Diploma or Degree ((These programs are awarded eighty (80) points by the Qualifications Review Committee in Factor 1-Formal Education of the application assessment process.)

- University College of Cape Breton, *Diploma of Engineering Technology: Public Health* (NS)
- University College of Cape Breton, *Diploma of Engineering Technology: Environmental Studies* (NS)

Four Year OHS&E Degree ((These programs are awarded one hundred (100) points by the Qualifications Review Committee in Factor 1-Formal Education of the application assessment process.)

- Ryerson University, *Bachelor of Applied Science, Occupational and Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety Option* (ON)
- University College of Cape Breton, *Bachelor of Technology Degree: Public Health* (NS)
- University College of Cape Breton, *Bachelor of Technology degree: Environmental Studies* (NS)

Post Graduate OHS&E Degree ((These programs are awarded one hundred (100) points by the Qualifications Review Committee in Factor 1-Formal Education of the application assessment process.)

- McGill University, *Masters Degree in Occupational Health Sciences* (QC)
- University of Toronto, *Masters of Health Science in Occupational and Environmental Health* (ON)

Institutions with ohs&e programs not on the above list, should contact the Board office for a submission package.

The above list is not inclusive. Candidates not having graduated from an ohs&e program from one of the above institutions should submit documentation (copy of certificate, transcript and course outlines) with their application for assessment by the Qualifications Review Committee.

Potential applicants who have high school graduation only, must complete a one year college or university certificate or diploma in occupational health, safety or environment **OR** a two (2) year college or university non-occupational health, safety or environment certificate or diploma to be eligible for certification.

The list of approved programs will be updated as programs are reviewed and approved.

Please note that effective January 1, 2009, a provincial or interprovincial journeyman's certificate will not meet the new formal education requirement.

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